Offices Inspected by the Diwan.

255. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of offices personally inspected by the present Diwan;

(b) will a copy of the remarks made by him as a result of inspection of each office be placed on the Council table?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(a) 1. Office of the Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats.

2. Office of the Director of Public Instruction.
3. Office of the Manager, Central Farm, Ollukara.
4. Office of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.
5. Office of the Chief Engineer.

(b) Copies of the remarks are placed on the table. (*Appendix XVII*).

Expenditure—Roads.

256. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state what was the expenditure per mile of road in the several Municipalities of the State in 1105 and 1106 when the roads were under D. P. W.?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The average expenditure per mile on account of the maintenance of the Municipal roads while they were under P. W. D. was as shown below:—

	Rs.
Ernakulam	579
Mattancheri	423
Trichur	699
Chittur	576

Besides maintenance, P. W. D. had to attend to special renewals also in some of the roads due to their unsatisfactory condition and the expenditure on this account during the years 1105 and 1106 in the case of the different Municipalities was as noted below:—

	1105	1106
Ernakulam	..	1827
Mattancheri	..	2150
Trichur	6339	5303—2—8
Chittur	1050	2826

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Seeing that the expenditure for maintenance of roads in Ernakulam and Trichur has not much difference, may I know why the Government have been partial in giving grants to Chittur?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The grant is made on certain principles. The maintenance charge per mile of road

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is fixed and the grant to each Municipality is made according to this scale per mile and the length of the roads. There has been no distinction between Ernakulam and Chittur in that respect.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—The grant is made per mile in Chittur as well as Ernakulam?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—On that basis Chittur gets Rs. 576 and Ernakulam 579 per mile.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—That is spent by the P. W. D. There is a vast difference in the grant made.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I don't think there is a difference. It depends upon the number of miles and the allotment per mile. If the allotment is more in Ernakulam, it is because the length of the trunk roads is more.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—If you had only a few miles, it does not matter much. But here there is vast difference in the amount.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—What is the difference, please?

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Rs. 50 per mile.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There is no difference. The total number of miles in Chittur multiplied by the allotment per mile will give that figure. The same is the procedure for Ernakulam also.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I think it will depend upon the width also.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—A certain amount is given. It depends upon the width also and the allotment is given according to the number of miles.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—But the P. W. D. had to spend an equal sum in Chittur when it was maintaining it.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—On account of the experience gained we thought we can reduce the amount.

Proclamation—Theendal etc.

257. Mr. M. K. Raman.—Will the Government kindly state (a) (i) whether the question of issuing a Proclamation or a Government Notification abolishing the system of Theendal in the State has ever engaged the serious attention of the Government;

(2) if so, when was the matter first taken up for consideration;

(3) is it still engaging their attention;

(4) were any tangible steps hitherto taken by the Government;

(5) if so, what were they and what were their results;

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